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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Summary of work in Chinatown for the week ended December 26, 1903.

The following is received from Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue, under date of December 28:

Buildings reinspected.....	203
Rooms.....	1, 280
Persons inspected.....	1, 469
Sick.....	31
Sick prescribed for at Oriental Dispensary.....	6
Dead examined.....	7
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	41
Number showing pest infection.....	None
Places limed and disinfected.....	855
Times streets swept.....	3
Sewers flushed.....	12
Notices served to abate plumbing nuisances.....	15
Plumbing nuisances abated.....	11
Undergoing abatement.....	5
Total number of plumbing inspections.....	94

S. S. Olivebank at San Francisco.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., December 26, 1903.

WYMAN, *Washington*:

Telegraphic news in daily paper informs me British ship *Olivebank* mentioned in Bureau telegram November 19 has put in at San Francisco.

OAKLEY.

WASHINGTON, December 26, 1903.

CUMMING, *Angel Island, Cal.*:

British ship *Olivebank* sailed from Shanghai November 18 reported to have case cholera on board before leaving for Royal Roads, Victoria; also probable mud ballast from Whangpoo River; no disinfection by Ransom. Oakley telegraphs vessel probably put in San Francisco.

WYMAN.

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., December 26, 1903.

WYMAN, *Washington*:

Bureau telegram of this instant *Olivebank* received. Vessel arrived here in distress, was quarantined, and is discharging ballast.

CUMMING.